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Ms. Patricia Burdette  
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Dear Ms. Burdette:

The White House has asked the Federal Communications Commission to respond to your letter regarding the transition from analog television to digital television (DTV). You express your concerns about the costs of the transition.

The transition to digital television will have many benefits for the American people. DTV permits broadcasters to offer a variety of valuable new services to the public. It allows broadcasters to offer free television of higher resolution than analog technology (the current mode of TV transmission), with theater-quality pictures and CD-quality sound. Broadcasters are permitted, but not required, to offer High Definition Television. DTV can also provide other program enhancements, such as broadcasting in a variety of languages and captions, as well as transmitting an entire edition of a newspaper, sports information, computer software, telephone directories, stock market updates, interactive educational materials, and any other information that can be translated into digital bits. The DTV bitstream can also be used to transmit multiple programs at the same time, albeit with a trade-off in picture quality. Additionally, and importantly, DTV will provide a more efficient use of broadcast spectrum and will enable part of the spectrum to be reallocated for other uses, including the vital communications needs of public safety, police, and fire departments.

The Commission seeks to provide a smooth transition to DTV service with as little disruption to the public as possible. The Commission and Congress have developed a digital television transition schedule that does not call for an end to analog broadcasting until the end of 2006. The termination of analog broadcasting can be delayed by the Commission on a market-by-market basis depending on criteria established by Congress.

There is a process stations may use to seek an extension of the DTV construction deadline, scheduled for May, 2002 for commercial TV stations that were not subject to an earlier deadline, and May, 2003 for non-commercial stations. In the *Fifth Report and Order* with respect to DTV, the Commission noted that it will grant an extension of the construction deadline where a broadcaster has been unable to complete construction due to circumstances that are either unforeseeable or beyond the licensee's control if the licensee has taken all reasonable steps to resolve the problem expeditiously. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, the inability to construct and place in operation a facility necessary for transmitting DTV, such as a


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tower, because of delays in obtaining zoning or FAA approvals, or similar constraints, or lack of equipment necessary to transmit a DTV signal. The Commission delegated authority to the Mass Media Bureau to grant two such six-month extensions of time, after which extension requests will be referred to the Commission.

We are currently considering petitions for reconsideration of the *Report and Order* in our first DTV periodic review proceeding. Some of these petitions have asked that we extend the applicable construction deadlines for stations in smaller markets, citing costs and hardship, and those petitions are pending.

We will include your letter in the record of the DTV periodic review proceedings and consider all views carefully. I hope this is responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,



Roy J. Stewart  
Chief, Mass Media Bureau

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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TO: RLC

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We are forwarding the enclosed constituent mail because your agency is best suited to reply. President Bush would like all Federal agencies to respond to constituent mail in a timely manner. Please return a copy of your agency response and the original incoming correspondence to me at the White House at the following address:

Mail Analysis  
Room 58  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20502

If you have questions about these procedures or need to provide updated contact information, you may reach me at (202) 456-5490; by fax at (202) 456-5490; or by email at Gertrude A. Roddick@who.eop.gov

President Bush appreciates your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

*Trudy Roddick*

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Mail Analysis

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July 9, 2001

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you about a very important matter. I am a born again Christian. And I need your help. Are you aware of this digital television the Federal Government is forcing television stations to change over to? And the date it is to take effect is May 1, 2002. I support a Christian ministry TCT (Tri-State Christian TV. P.O. Box #1010 Marion, Ill. - 62959.

And this is going to be a real hardship on the supporters of TCT. All we are trying to do is lead people to Christ. So they can go to heaven. We really love lost souls. Please help us Mr. President. we have to buy and install a new, digital transmitter for each full power station, buy and install a special digital antenna on each stations' tower, and buy and install a special transmission line to carry the signal from the transmitter to the antenna. And all this expense to send out a signal that less than 1% of our viewers can even see. Could you please tell me why the government is forcing poor people to make this change? I am a widow with 11 grown children, 26 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. (And I Love Jesus Christ.

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I really prayed for you Mr. President that God would bless you to become our President. We know the Devil did his worst to prevent this from happening. But greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. I am still keeping you and your family before the Throne of Grace. And I pray that the Lord will bless each and everyone in your family. I know your job is not easy. I also voted for your Dad for President. I am praying for the "Supreme Court Justices." The members of "Congress." And the members of the "House of Representatives." May God save their souls. May Jesus Bless you.

Sincerely in Jesus  
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